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PAYABLE IN ADVANCE

County Court will meet for the November term next Monday.

Circuit Court convenes on Monday, November 8th, 1915. Many important criminal and civil cases pending for trial.

Atty. D. H. Holladay of Greenville, Mo., was in our city last Wednesday. Mr. Holladay is considered one of the best lawyers in this section of the State, has always been a consistent Democrat and a strong party worker. He would make a strong candidate for any office he might aspire to.

Considering the volume of business, the industrial investment and the population of Flat River, it is a wonder that the inhabitants do not avail themselves of the advantages of incorporation. Dare say there isn't another town in the State of its size and wealth, which does not enjoy the protection and advantages of local city government.

A recent visitor to the mining industries at Fredericktown and Mine La Motte, in Madison county, states that the people there are enjoying an era of unprecedented prosperity. Everybody at work and business in general on a boom. That the foreign labor element is absent from the industries there, which is looked upon as a blessing. Mercantile and other commercial business in a safe and sane condition with brighter future prospect of increased success.

Several years ago when the Old Central Mines were opened near where Flat River now stands, the lead ore was hauled by wagons to Ste. Genevieve, thence by boat to the St. Louis smelters and markets, and sold for from 2 to 3 cents per pound. At the present time it is worth nearly twice this much. The crudest methods of mining were in use, yet the operators made money and paid the laborers a living wage. And what applies to one operator in original development applies to others. The embryo companies grew by leaps and bounds, and finally began to assume gigantic proportions and to become opulent and arrogant. So much so that, instead of continuing to cultivate and foster that harmony and good will, which had existed between employers and employees, they allowed a chasm to form which was anything but a mutual relationship.

As a result dissension, resentment, envy and dissatisfaction began to replace the former amicable relations, and walk-outs, strikes and shut-downs made their appearance on the horizon of the greatest lead mining district in the world.

With the increased price of lead the operators failed to advance wages in proportion, and this was a further source of discontentment and became one of the chief causes of contention.

Harmony, equity and good-will were sought and retained, practically in their entirety, as long as men of the old school, like F. P. Graves and C. B. Parsons, held guiding hands over the destinies of these growing industries. They could not live to reign forever; so, as they were replaced, or fell by the way, men of apparently a different attitude assumed the places vacated, and to-day conditions in

the great S. E. Mo. lead belt are not as satisfactory as they should be. The standard amount of labor demanded in 8 hours, of each employee, is approximately 50 per cent greater than formerly, in other words, human endurance is taxed to its capacity; much that was formerly done by manual labor is now done by machinery; modern processes and methods of mining, concentrating and smelting have more than doubled the former capacities in these processes; and the transportation costs have been greatly reduced; yet, wages remain at practically the old scale prior to these improvements.

The cost of living has advanced about 50 per cent, the pace set by society is much advanced; the tax rate is higher, owing to much internal improvement; building material is much higher than formerly; LEASE RENT has increased; in few words, food, clothing and shelter have fully doubled in price. How can the laborer keep pace with these advances, clothe and educate his children, and draw a Nineteenth-Century-antiquated-poverty-stricken wage? We heartily agree with Mr. Robert Holmes' suggestion that payment of dividends be suspended if necessary to enable laborers to live comfortably.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

The white schools will be closed the last two days of this week in order that the teachers may attend the Southeast Missouri Teachers' Association that will be in session at Cape Girardeau.

Farmington teachers who will attend the meeting are Prin. E. V. Abernathy, Miss Mary Taylor, Miss Roberta Tetley, and W. L. Johns of the High School department; Prin. Mrs. Annie Lloyd, Mrs. Annie Murrill, Miss Nellie Halter, and Mrs. Alma Rider of the North ward; Mrs. Gruner, and Misses Bertha Spauld, Alvina Raebel, Mabel Sackman, Leanna Cole, and Ruth Swink will spend the two days visiting the schools of St. Louis.

Miss Spauld's room made the excellent record of 100 per cent in attendance for the seventh week of school and is making a strenuous effort to win the half-holiday for the best attendance for the month.

Miss Dayse Baker's room in the colored school made a most excellent record in that department for the past week, her per cent of attendance being 94.53 with no tardies. That was above two white rooms in the school. The colored teachers seem to have solved the tardy problem and may be depended upon to keep up to a high average the rest of the year. The colored people of Farmington have a school that is a delight to the school management, and if the advice of the colored teachers is faithfully followed much good work will be done.

Next week will close the first quarter of the school year and early the following week quarterly reports of the progress of all pupils will be furnished their parents. The quarterly report of every pupil should be carefully examined and if conditions seem advisable the teacher should be consulted about the pupil's work or conduct.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chinn leave today for St. Louis, where they will spend a few days.

FOOT BALL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30
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BARN WARMING

The Barn Warming given on last Saturday afternoon and night, October 23, 1915, at the beautiful country home of T. B. Chandler, three miles southeast of Farmington, was a great success in every way. The weather was ideal in every respect, the sun never shone brighter, a day was never clearer, the moon was never "fuller", or ever shone more clearly in all her beauty, the air was never more invigorating or crisp, and the roads were never better for travel to accommodate visitors either for a long or short drive; and they began to arrive immediately after the noon hour, some in automobiles, some in wagons, some in buggies, some in carriages, some on horseback, and some on foot till the crowd was so large that the barn could not hold them; and the pasture near the barn was just about as full of vehicles as they could be placed.

Some came from Pilot Knob, Bonne Terre, Desloge, Flat River, Doe Run, Iron Mountain, Bismarck, Elvins, Sprott, Ponca, Coffman, Avon, Libertyville, Yount and Farmington. Some one counted the people and found 375 and said he was sure many had gone and many were missed as the crowd was moving around so much that it could not be counted correctly, and that 22 automobiles were on hand besides all the other conveyances. Everything went "merry as a marriage bell", and each one tried to see how much he or she could do to make the rest enjoy the occasion.

The supper was spread on a table the entire length of the barn—60 feet—and consisted of all the good things that grow on the farm. Only room around the entire table could be found for a portion of the ladies, some of whom had to stand up as well as the entire crowd of men. After the supper was over quite a number of speeches were indulged in by many of our local citizens, among them were Prof. Bert L. France, our worthy Farm Adviser, who acted as toastmaster of the evening. T. B. Chandler gave the address of welcome in a talk that was very appropriate and was delivered with much feeling. This talk was followed by prayer by Rev. W. E. Coffey of Pleasant Hill Church on Rural Route No. 3.

The others who took part in the program were C. B. Denman, Joe Bruett, J. Carter Wymen, W. H. Smollinger, Mrs. Bert L. France, Rev. W. E. Coffey, Dr. G. B. Perkins, Miss Shields of Carleton College and Rev. Mitchell of Farmington. Everybody gave the best of attention, and this writer never experienced better order than was shown throughout the entire program.

Many complimentary expressions were indulged in with reference to the new barn by the speakers as well as the other visitors, and on account of the speaking inside the building someone very appropriately named the barn "The Unity Auditorium." The boys (Messrs. Julian Gordon, Abe and Jesse Smith) of Pleasant Hill, who kept the stand so nicely, turned over \$24.35 to Mr. Chandler, which will leave a few cents for him to help bear the expense of the occasion. Only one thing happened to the regret of all and that was because none of the speakers from a distance arrived. Scores shook hands with Mr. Chandler and congratulated him because of the magnificent barn he has erected, and many declared they would build one just like it.

This writer feels sure that he expresses the unanimous thanks of the immense crowd for the privilege given them by Mr. Chandler of having such an enjoyable time in his new barn. May many other such gatherings be held in the near future, in order that we might get acquainted; for as Mr. Chandler expressed it: "We might like each other."

A VISITOR.

JUSTICE MARTIN'S COURT PUNISHES ROBBERS

Wm. Stout and Andrew Langley were arraigned before Justice of the Peace T. W. Martin at Flat River Tuesday on a charge of Robbery.

Stout entered a plea of guilty and his punishment was assessed at a \$10.00 fine with trimmings. In default of payment he was committed to jail.

Langley entered a plea of not guilty and upon trial was convicted and punishment fixed at \$1.00 and costs, which he failed to pay and was also committed to jail.

Mr. Schafer's efficient Deputy Constable, Richardson, brought them to the County Bastile last Tuesday evening, where they were incarcerated to cover fines and costs.

COLLINS POLITE

Mr. Chas. Collins of Irondale and Miss Luella Polite of Elvins were quietly united in marriage at the home of Rev. W. H. DuBose of Farmington, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Tuesday morning. These young people are well and favorably known in their respective communities.

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Corn Meal, per bu	1.10
Potatoes, Irish, per bu	.50
Wheat, per bushel	1.05
Oats, per bu	.60
Hay, per ton	\$12 to 15.00
Cattle, on foot, per lb	.05
Veal calves, per lb	.06 and .07
Hogs, on foot, per lb	.08
Lard, per lb	.12-12
Tallow, per lb	.05
Bacon, per lb	.14 .30
Shoulders, per lb	.12-12
Ham, smoked	.16c to .18
Hides, green	.12-12
Beeswax, per lb	.25
Butter, per lb	.20
Eggs, per doz	.25
Springs, round	.14
Ducks, spring	.10
Cocks, per lb	.06
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Hens, per lb	.11

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